

COMING SOON: HIGH-SPEED RAIL INDUSTRY FORUM

WHO: California High-Speed Rail Authority officials and members of the private sector from the Central Valley and around the world with an interest in participating in California's high-speed rail project, the first of its kind in the nation.

WHAT: An industry forum that will give private businesses the chance to learn more about the project, the bidding process and how they can participate; to interact with and ask questions of California High-Speed Rail Authority officials; and to bring entrepreneurs and small businesses together with major contractors to discuss working together.

WHEN and WHERE: September 8, 2011, at CSU Fresno's Satellite Student Union.

WHY: The California High-Speed Rail Authority is developing an 800-mile high-speed train system that will operate at speeds of up to 220 miles per hour, connecting the state's major urban centers. The project is being funded through a voter-approved state bond, federal funding awards and public-private partnerships. Initial infrastructure construction will begin in the Central Valley, the backbone of the system, in 2012.